

Remarks

In view of the above amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

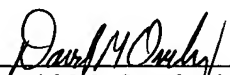
An editorial amendment has been made to the specification to update the cross-reference to the parent application. It is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application by this amendment.

Claims 16-27 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,645,053. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith linking the present application to U.S. Patent No. 6,645,053. As a result, withdraw of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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